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**St. Mary's College of Maryland Student Finds Success
with Shriver Center Internship at Talbot Hospice**

Sam VanNest, a twenty-one year old college student with a penchant for hip music, travelling and all things literary, spent his summer immersed in the inner workings of a Hospice organization. The resulting experience was so profound that the St Mary's College senior now plans on attending graduate school to earn his MBA in nonprofit administration.

Mr. Van Nest, an Easton resident and graduate of Saints Peter and Paul High School, was a recipient of an internship opportunity provided by the Shriver Center at UMBC through the newly formed Maryland Nonprofit Leadership Program. The Shriver Center is a national leader in promoting applied learning and community-based service delivery programs.

Through the Shriver Center, students connect their academic study to professional practices and services in the greater Baltimore/Washington area. As an English major, writing tutor and radio host in college, Sam was able to transfer his excellent communications technology skills to the nonprofit sector at the Talbot Hospice Foundation.

"This summer has been a wonderful opportunity and an enlightening experience", commented Sam. "The people I've met and had the pleasure to work with have been inspirational and incredibly helpful in guiding me to a future that will include further involvements in the non profit sector".

The Shriver Center program requires participation in a bi-weekly seminar in Baltimore in which students learn from leaders of various nonprofits. Working with four other interns, Sam also researched generational cultural trends related to the nonprofit and profit work place. The seminar and research opportunity, along with the hands on experience, provided a pragmatic insight into the working world.

In between his internship, Sam enjoyed an Eastern Shore summer complete with time spent relaxing on the Chesapeake Bay, hot spicy crabs and live cutting edge music at a local venue. As for his potential future as an MBA candidate in the nonprofit sector upon graduation, Sam recalls his motivation, “Talbot Hospice has especially been a source of inspiration. The people involved with this organization are shining examples of what a spectacular nonprofit is capable of, and together they make up a perfect team, dedicated to the great Hospice mission”.

The Shriver Center places hundreds of students in internship, cooperative education, and research experiences in public and private organizations and Talbot Hospice Foundation was honored to have Sam VanNest join the team. By combining his academic studies with on-the-job experience, Sam was able to grasp the link between theory and practice, learn valuable job-related skills and immerse himself in an excellent training ground for further study.



Sam VanNest, Easton resident and St Mary's College of Maryland senior, spent his summer interning at the Talbot Hospice Foundation through the Maryland Nonprofit Leadership Program.